

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**DOCKET NO. 2017- 063**

**IN RE: COURTNEY SUSANNE MYRICK GIANOLA, D.M.D.**  
**277 Woodstone Drive**  
**Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402**

**DENTAL LICENSE NO. 3384-06**

**ORDER OF PROHIBITION**

**WHEREAS**, Courtney Susanne Myrick Gianola, D.M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Licensee") was issued Mississippi Dental License No. 3384-06 on June 20, 2006, by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "MSBDE") to practice dentistry in the State of Mississippi, said license valid until October 31, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 5, 2017, Licensee entered into a five (5) year Continuing Care Contract (hereinafter referred to as "CCC" or "Contract") with the Professionals Health Network (hereinafter referred to as "PHN") and the Board concerning Licensee's alcohol/chemical dependency.

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 13, 2017, Gary D. Carr, M.D., Medical Director of the PHN (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Carr"), submitted written notification to the Board stating the PHN was in receipt of a positive PeTH (alcohol) test for Licensee. Licensee admitted to drinking alcohol even though Licensee currently is enrolled in Intensive Outpatient Treatment.

**WHEREAS**, in view of Licensee's noncompliance with the CCC, on or about November 14, 2017, Dr. Carr submitted written notification to the Board stating, in part,

This letter is being sent in follow up of our letter dated 11/13/17 regarding Dr. Courtney Gianola. I have spoken to Dr. Gianola this date, 11/14/17, and she is refusing further inpatient treatment. She says she intends to continue IOP at Clearview but will not go to a residential facility. Therefore, Dr. Gianola has lost the advocacy from the Professionals Health Network (PHN) unless she changes her mind. I explained to her that she can expect either a request to surrender her license or an 'Order of Prohibition' to practice pending a hearing.

**WHEREAS**, at Paragraph 23 of the CCC, Breach of Contract and/or Relapse, executed by Licensee on October 5, 2017, Licensee agreed that any breach and/or relapse would be reported to the Board and would be grounds for re-evaluation by the "COMMITTEE" and may result in an immediate order of practice prohibition by the Board. Further, Paragraph 23 provides, in part:

In the event I suffer a relapse and/or fail to comply with any or all of the conditions imposed by this Contract, the MSBDE shall have the authority, with recommendations from the COMMITTEE, to immediately prohibit me from practicing my profession until such time as the MSBDE and the COMMITTEE determine that I am able to return to work in my profession. In so doing, the MSBDE and the COMMITTEE may require me to undergo further evaluation for chemical dependency.

In the event I suffer a relapse and/or fail to comply with any or all of the conditions imposed by this Contract, any action by the MSBDE may be deemed disciplinary action, and all documents relating thereto, including this Contract, shall thereafter be deemed public records and reportable to the American Association of Dental Examiners, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and other entities requiring MSBDE reporting.

**WHEREAS**, the Board has the authority, pursuant to the aforementioned CCC, to immediately prohibit Licensee from practicing dentistry until such time as Licensee has complied with all terms of her CCC including, but not limited to, successfully completing any recommended inpatient treatment at a PHN-approved residential treatment facility, and a determination is made by PHN and the Board that Licensee is able to return to the practice of dentistry with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Licensee is immediately prohibited from practicing dentistry until such time as Licensee has complied with all terms of her CCC including, but not limited to, successfully completing any recommended inpatient treatment at a PHN-approved residential treatment facility, securing advocacy from the PHN, and, thereafter, being found capable of returning to the practice of dentistry by the PHN and the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order of Prohibition shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Courtney Susanne Myrick Gianola, D.M.D. and is effective as of the date executed by the Board.

**ORDERED**, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD  
OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy L. Irons", written over a horizontal line.

**ROY L. IRONS, D.D.S.  
PRESIDENT**